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DEPARTMENT PASS JUSTICE - MICHAEL ABBELL

1. IN SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING BETWEEN PREVENCIÓN SOCIAL DIRECTOR LECHUGA, SUBDIRECTOR FLORES AND EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISER GAITHER AND CONOFFS PRICE AND PERKINS, LATTER WERE INFORMED BY LECHUGA THAT HE WISHED ALL INTERVIEW TEAMS TO COMMENCE FROM MEXICO CITY. HE WISHES TO MEET WITH TEAMS, BRIEF THEM AND HAVE THOSE GOM REPS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY TEAMS, MEET THE U. S. REPRESENTATIVES.

2. DOCTOR LECHUGA SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT HE BE INFORMED ON INFORMAL BASIS OF APPROXIMATELY THE NUMBER OF MEXICAN NATIONALS WHO MIGHT WISH TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MEXICO ALONG WITH THE DURATION OF THEIR SENTENCES AND THEIR FORMER RESIDENCE IN MEXICO. HE MADE THE SAME REQUEST FOR THOSE PRISONERS IN US STATE INSTITUTIONS.

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LEGAL ADVISER INDICATED THAT JUSTICE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON LIST OF FEDERAL PRISONERS BY SEPTEMBER 19 AND THAT HE WOULD ASK JUSTICE REPS TO BRING COPY OF LIST GIVEN MEXICAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WITH THEM TO MEXICO CITY. EMBASSY URGES THAT THIS REQUEST BE COMPLIED WITH IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND THAT IF NOT POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY VIS A VIS STATES, THAT WE BE AD-

WISHED WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN ORDER TO FULLY BRIEF LECHUGA.

3. FLORES AND LECHUGA INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT ANTICIPATE THE TEAMS TALKING WITH PRISONERS AT NORTE AND ORIENTE PRISONS IN MEXICO CITY SINCE THOSE PRISONERS HAVE NOT HAD THEIR SENTENCES. LEGAL ADVISER POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH EARLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL, LECHUGA HIMSELF, AND US JUSTICE AND EMBASSY REPS. HE OUTLINED RATIONALE FOR NEED AND NOTED POSSIBILITY OF AWKWARD SITUATION IF AGREEMENT - WHICH WOULD BE PUBLICIZED BY JUSTICE - WERE NOT KEPT. BEGIN FYI: THIS POINT WAS VERY CAREFULLY LEFT UNAGREED AND EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS DECISION CAN AND SHOULD BE TURNED AROUND BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER JUSTICE TEAMS REACH MEXICO CITY. END FYI.

4. IT WAS APPARENT FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT THE GOM IS CONSOLIDATING MORE PRISONERS THAN PREVENCIÓN SOCIAL HAD EARLIER INDICATED. THE RESULT IS LIKELY TO BE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS WITH LS OR AMPAROS PENDING WHO WILL NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INTERVIEWED.

5. THE MEXICAN LIST OF PRISONERS TO BE INTERVIEWED WAS AGAIN REQUESTED AND LATER GIVEN TO LEGAL ADVISER BY UNCLASSIFIED

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FLORES AFTER CONCLUSION OF MEETING WITH LECHUGA. (LIST BEING SENT SEPTEL). IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING BETWEEN FLORES AND GAITHER IT BECAME APPARENT THAT PREVENCIÓN SOCIAL IS NOT LIKELY TO BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE THE U. S. ITS COMPUTATIONS OF WORK CREDITS UNTIL TEAMS REACH MEXICO CITY.

6. PER ABBELL TO GAITHER REQUEST FOR COPY OF GOM/S FORMAL "PETITION" FOR TRANSFER, FLORES INDICATED THAT IT HAD BEEN REVISED AND IT WILL BE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 9. LUCEY

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